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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein, mailed 11 April 2008, time for response to which was set to expire 11 July 2008. The rejection is non-final, the finality of the previous rejection having been withdrawn.

Applicants are very appreciative that Examiners Mehta and Grunberg thoughtfully discussed the outstanding Office action with Dr. Andrew Hamilton, Gerard Bencen, and the undersigned in an interview on 14 April 2008. It is especially appreciated that a copy of the Office action and newly cited document (Brown) were supplied at the interview. The discussion was extremely helpful.

Based on this discussion and in response to the outstanding rejections, applicants offer the following amendment and discussion. Reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested.

**Enclosure:**

Elbashir, SM, *et al.*, *Nature* (2001) 411:494-498